

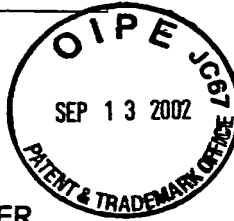
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): KREUTZER et al.
 Appln. No.: 09 810,521
 Series Code \uparrow Serial No. \uparrow

Group Art Unit 1652
 Examiner: D. STEADMAN
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 M# Client Ref
 Appln. Title: L-LYSINE-PRODUCING
 CORYNEBACTERIA AND PROCESS
 FOR THE PREPARATION OF LYSINE

Filed: March 19, 2001
 Hon. Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: September 13, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim		For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional	Fee Code	
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2. Total Effective Claims				11	**minus	34	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims				5	***minus	11	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)								+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: September 13, 2002				<input type="checkbox"/> NONE						
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached				(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =					115/215
				(2 mos)	\$400/\$200 =		+ \$0			116/216
				(3 mos)	\$920/\$460 =					117/217
				(4 mos)	\$1,440/\$720 =					118/218
				(5 mos)	\$1,960/\$980 =					128/228
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9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee							+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0		148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),							+ \$180	+ \$0		126
or if Rule 97(d) Request							+ \$180			126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)							+ \$740/370	+ \$0		146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)							x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0		149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)							+ \$740/370	+ \$0		1179/1279
14. Petition fee for								+ \$0		
15.							TOTAL FEE =		\$0	
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated June 13, 2002, wherein the claims were objected to and were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101, 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The applicants respectfully traverse the present rejections of the claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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I. AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

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1. (Amended) L-Lysine-producing bacteria of the species *Corynebacterium glutamicum* comprising an over-expressed *pyc* gene of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* encoding pyruvate carboxylase and an over-expressed *dapA* gene of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* encoding dihydrodipicolinate synthase, wherein over-expression of said *dapA* gene is achieved by using a *dapA* promoter selected from the group consisting of: the *dapA* promoter comprising the MC20 mutation as set forth in SEQ ID NO:5 and the *dapA* promoter comprising the MA20 mutation as set forth in SEQ ID NO:6.